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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chris D. Hyser  
Application No.: 10/693,378  
Filed: October 23, 2003  
Title: Method and System for Distributed Key Management in a Secure  
Boot Environment

Examiner: Beatrice L.K. Thomas  
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Docket No.: 200205369-1  
Date: May 21, 2007

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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action date December 19, 2006, please extend the time to respond one-month, from April 19, 2007 to May 19, 2007. The Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee is enclosed. please amend the application as follows: